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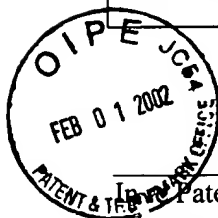
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D1: Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 11-86025
D2: Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 9-10435
D3: Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 10-124700

Examiner's Statement

Claims 1, 7, 15 and 23 are rejected in view of D1 and D2 for the lack of inventive step.

Claims 2, 8 and 16 are rejected in view of D1 and D2 for the lack of inventive step.

Claims 3, 9, 17 and 24 are rejected in view of D1 and D3 for the lack of inventive step.

Claims 4, 10 and 18 are rejected in view of D1 and D3 for the lack of inventive step.

Claims 5, 11, 12, 19, 20 and 25 are rejected in view of D1 through D3 for the lack of inventive step.

Claims 6, 13, 14, 21 and 22 are rejected in view of D1 through D3 for the lack of inventive step.